

Division PTA Federation Presidents convene to plan out 2012 activities

Amidst the unpredictable weather conditions that Region VII had experienced in December 2011, the Division Parents-Teachers Associations (PTAs) Federation Presidents, together with the Division PTA Focal Persons, convened on December 28, 2011 at the ECOTECH Center, Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City, for the Mid-Year Assessment (July to December 2011) on the operations of PTAs at the school level, and the Preparation of Division PTA Implementation Plan for January to June 2012.

A total of 27 officials attended the activity. There were ten (10) out of 19 or 52.63 % Division PTA Federation Presidents and fifteen (15) out of 19 or 78.94 % who showed up. They worked collaboratively in diagnosing feedback and evaluating progress of programs and projects implemented and initiated by PTAs at the school level.

The Mid-year Assessment of PTA operations at the school level, provides significant data in strengthening partnership between PTA and School Officials, and improving their capability in handling PTA programs and projects for the improvement of children's academic performance.

"The education of our children is an investment", DepED Regional Director Recaredo G. Borgonia, emphasized. "You, parents, are DepED's strong partners in achieving its goal", Dir. Borgonia reiterated. He strongly pushed for K to 12 Enhanced Basic Education Program and asked the parents' all-out support. He stressed the benefits that K to 12 will offer to the graduates. He said that K to 12 is a very good initiative of the government. In fact, PNOY urged the Department and other stakeholders to implement the program.

Dir. Borgonia recognized the efforts of the PTAs, who have given their support in implementing programs and projects at the school level. He challenged the Division PTA Federation Officers to take the lead in empowering all PTAs to support the children, and conduct assessment on the operations of PTAs at the Division level.

Dr. Emiliano B. Elnar, Jr., Chief of the Training and Development (T&D) Division facilitated the sharing of the best practices on PTA Programs and Projects implemented and initiated. Division Federation PTA Presidents took turns in sharing the best practices that their federation had done in improving the delivery of quality basic education services.

Immediately after the sharing, Asst. Regional Director (ARD) Carmelita T. Dulangon led the processing of the presentations. ARD Dulangon acknowledged the outstanding performance of PTAs. Among others, Dr. Dulangon highlighted some important concerns culled out from the presentations, like the visibility of PTA Officials to pupils and parents; PTA to hold office in the Division and school; Division Federation PTA President to attend the School Board Meeting; PTAs to be Bidding and Awards Committee (BAC) observers; PTAs to be members of Risk and Disaster Task Force; PTA and School Officials to hold Regular Parental Education; and PTAs to support in providing access to all the children for basic education.

Dr. Dulangon encouraged the PTA Officials to get involved in finding the children, reaching out to them, bringing them to school, and keeping them in school, so that there will be "no child left behind". "Every Filipino child must be in school", she said. She further stated that transparency should

be the number one principle that PTAs should embrace in ensuring efficient and effective PTA operations.

Miss Milagros S. Villanueva, Education Program Supervisor of T&DD, served as the Resource Person in the Preparation of Division PTA Implementation Plan for January-June 2012.

The Division PTA Federation Presidents and Officers in attendance are the following: Angela Montayre (Lapu-Lapu City); Theresa Mae I. Credo (Dumaguete City); Alberto A. Jumao-as, Jr. (Danao City); Jun Capuyan (Mandaue City); Harvey V. Inoc (Cebu City); Adolfo J. YecYec, Jr. (Tagbilaran City); Leonides Cortes (Carcar City); Violeta P. Canonijo (Naga City); Quezon M. Villaran (Talisay City); and Rolly Caburnay (Toledo City). Cebu City' 2nd Vice President, Nelson G. Tantano, together with their PTA Secretary, Neonita C. Mayorga.

The following 15 Division PTA Focal Persons also attended the assessment gathering: Marina Salamanca (Tagbilaran City); Elpidio Neiz (Bogo City); Marietta J. Oyao (Toledo City); Vitalino A. Luga (Bohol); Germiniano A. Enecuela (Lapu-Lapu City); Cherry D. Catadman (Bais City); Enrique Retes (Negros Oriental); Paterno Loping (Bayawan City); Rosalima Lacorte (Dumaguete City); Rumil C. Banzon (Danao City); Deborah T. Gonzaga (Naga City); Ismaelita N. Desabille (Mandaue City); Haide S. Canaveral (Tanjay City); Jeffrey Seblerero (Talisay City); and Luis Derasin, Jr. (Cebu City).

Mrs. Leah B. Apao, Regional PTA Focal Person, enjoined all the Division PTA Federation Officers and Division PTA Focal Persons to join forces in ensuring effective PTA operations at the school level. Mrs. Apao mentioned that the provision of Technical Assistance (TA) to PTA and School Officials in handling PTA activities by the Schools Division Superintendents and Division Personnel helped in facilitating the successful operations of PTAs at the school level.